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SUBJECT: MEAT AND PLANT INSPECTION OF PUBLIC VESSELS

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1. EMBASSY MADE THE REQUESTED ORAL PRESENTATION AND GAVE A DRAFT OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND "SIMPLE FORM" TO MFA ON AUGUST 22. (DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES WAS DELAYED UNTIL THEN BY ABSENCE OF MFA AMERICAS DIVISION HEAD PLIMMER.)

2. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, PLIMMER RESPONDED ON AUGUST 26 BY ACCEPTING OUR BASIC PROPOSAL REGARDING NAVAL VESSELS. HE, HOWEVER, ASKED THAT WE MAKE THE WORDING OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE MORE SPECIFIC AND SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING:

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QUOTE - THE UNITED STATES GIVES FULL ASSURANCES ON THE REQUIREMENTS PROPOSED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, INCLUDING ASSURANCES THAT NO MEAT ACQUIRED UNDER EMERGENCY PURCHASING PROCEDURES WOULD BE HELD ON NAVAL VESSELS ENTERING NEW ZEALAND WATERS, AND THAT THE AGREED UNDERTAKINGS WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIPS' CAPTAINS. - UNQUOTE.

3. PLIMMER ALSO REQUESTED OUR CONCURRENCE IN THE ADOPTION
OF THE FOLLOWING "SIMPLE FORM":

QUOTE -

TO: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PREPARE IN DUPLICATE)
AND FISHERIES

(BLANK LINE)
(PORT)
NEW ZEALAND

MASTERS CERTIFICATE
FOR UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSEL

I, (FULL NAME) OF THE (FULL NAME OF VESSEL) HEREBY NERTIFY
THAT:

1. ALL MEAT ON BOARD THE SAID SHIP HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OR, FROM THE UNITED
STATES NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF THE CONTINENTAL
UNITED STATES.

2. THE CREW PERSONNEL OF THE SAID SHIP HAVE BEEN ADVISED
THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY PLANT OR VEGETABLE
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MATTER OR FRUIT BE TAKEN ASHORE UNLESS IN SEALED
GARBAGE CONTAINER.

3. THE FOLLOWING LIVE ANIMALS ARE ON BOARD THE SAID SHIP:

NUMBER OF ANIMALS	KIND OF ANIMALS	COUNTRY & PORT
-		WHERE LOADED

4. (A) NO GARBAGE HAS BEEN THROWN OVERBOARD FROM THE SAID
SHIP WITHIN THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE TERRITORIAL
SEA OF NEW ZEALAND.

(B) NO GARBAGE WILL BE THROWN OVERBOARD FROM THE SAID
SHIP DURING THE SHIP'S STAY WITHIN THE OUTER LIMITS
OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF NEW ZEALAND.

5. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING
STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

DATED THIS DAY OF 197 .

SIGNATURE: (MASTER)

UNQUOTE

COPIES OF THE SUGGESTED FORM WILL BE POUCHED TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

4. REGARDING THE PROPOSED MASTERS CERTIFICATE, PLIMMER CALLED ATTENTION TO TWO MINOR ADDITIONS MADE BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL. THEY RELATE TO PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 OF THE FORM CALLING FOR INFORMATION ON LIVE ANIMALS ON

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BOARD AND A DECLARATION THAT GARBAGE WILL NOT BE THROWN OVERBOARD WHILE IN THE TERRITORIAL SEAS OF NZ. PLIMMER STRESSED THAT THE FORMER ONLY REQUESTS INFORMATION AND DOES NOT INVOLVE INSPECTION.

5. PLIMMER SUGGESTS THAT, IF THE MASTERS CERTIFICATE IS ACCEPTABLE, A COPY OF IT BE INCLUDED IN STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIPS'CAPTAINS.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF OUR DRAFT AIDE-MEMOIRE, REGARDING COAST GUARD VESSELS INVOLVED IN DEEP-FREEZE OPERATIONS, PLIMMER PROPOSED TO ACCEPT IT AS IS. HE THEN ADDED, QUOTE - WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK EXISTING PROCEDURES WILL CONTINUE AS BEFORE; OUR PEOPLE DON'T CURRENTLY PLAN TO CHANGE INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTION

AUTHORITIES ON THAT - UNQUOTE. PLIMMER WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE DID NOT QUITE KNOW WHAT THAT PARAGRAPH IS INTENDED TO CONVEY, BUT HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD BE FLEXIBLE. HE
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EMPHASIZED THAT THE GNZ DOES NOT CONTEST US SOVEREIGN RIGHTS (REGARDING IMMUNITY FROM INSPECTION), BUT SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT THE PRACTICE OF THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS HAS BEEN ACCEPTABLE WITHIN THE ANTARCTIC AGREEMENT (US-NZ AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 24, 1958 ON OPERATIONS IN ANTARCTICA) AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE THEN RESTATED THE GNZ POSITION SAYING THAT THEIR PRESENT INTENTION IS TO INTERPRET THE ANTARCTIC AGREEMENT AS NOT REQUIRING A CHANGE IN LONG-STANDING PROCEDURES RELATING TO DEEPFREEZE OPERATIONS.

7. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE WORDING PROPOSED IN PARA 2 ABOVE AND OF THE MASTERS CERTIFICATE SET OUT IN PARA 3. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT, GIVEN THE GNZ'S RECOGNITION OF OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSED AIDE-MEMOIRE IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

8. AS THE NEXT US SHIP VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4-10, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY. SELDEN

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